



A. W. N. Pugin, Possibly Designed for the Princess Chambers at Palace of Westminster.

SOLD

DESIGNER	Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin
PERIOD	Gothic Revival , 1850-1859
YEAR	1850
MATERIALS	Oak
DIMENSIONS	H: 40.5 in (102.87 cm) W: 16 in (40.64 cm) D: 12 in (30.48 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

AWN PUGIN, attributed, possibly made for the Princess Chamber at the Palace of Westminster London.

A quarter chiming triple fusee bracket clock with carved florets and gilded details. This superb clock movement was made by the renowned company of John Moore and Sons of Clerkenwell. They are recognized as one of the great designers and best makers of turret clocks, also known for making the highest quality movements. John Moore and Sons is recorded in Britten's "Old Clocks & Watches" as located at 38 Clerkenwell Close between 1801 and 1875. His firm hand made hundreds of mechanisms all over the British Isles and abroad, many can still be found working today in churches, public buildings and clock towers including, The Caledonian Park Clock Tower in Islington, St. Michaels in Wood Green, St. Mary the Virgin in Mortlake and Holy Trinity Church in Fareham..

This superb example of their work beautifully engraved with a 10" silvered dial with Roman numerals and red half-hour markers matching the centre, regulation dial and strike/silent lever, a massive eight-day spring-driven triple fusee movement with baluster pillars, deadbeat escapement and Harrison maintaining power chiming the quarters on eight bells and the hour on a gong, with a heavy brass and pitch pine pendulum.

There were three different standard types of bracket clocks designed by AWN Pugin for The Palace of Westminster each with the bracket as part of the clock, not with a separate bracket like the one here which is over 50% bigger than the other examples. With this in mind we think it was a special commission and probably why it has the stupendous quality triple fusee movement but with slightly different AWN carved florets and motto but essentially it is the same clock AWN Pugin designed for Westminster.

There are 40 clocks in the Palace of Westminster designed by Pugin. Some are larger than others and they all have motto's carved beneath the dial. Those clocks are all currently in use in high profile areas, committee rooms, dining rooms and other areas with some public access throughout the Palace. You can see a similar example on the parliament.

There are examples of his works in many museums around the world including the Victoria and Albert Museum, London and the British Horological Museum, Upton Hall, Nottinghamshire.

Clock measures: Width 16 inches, depth 12 inches, height 27".

The bracket measures: Height 13 1/2". Therefore the overall height of the clock and the bracket together is 40 1/2".